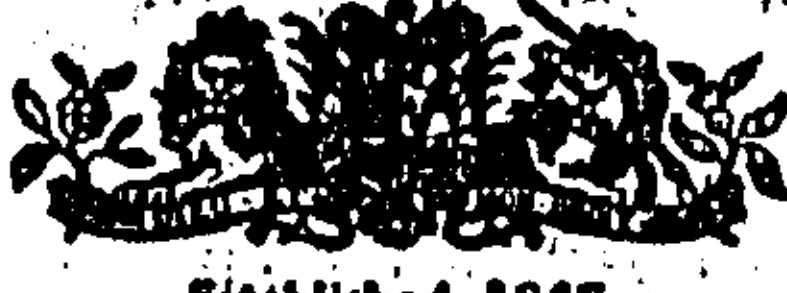


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

COVERAGE OF THE PALACE

THE announcement from the Queen's Press Secretary, Commander Richard Colville, that the Royal Family's private life is being interrupted by certain sections of the Press to such an extent that Prince Charles may soon have to be taken away from school is disturbing but one cannot say that it is surprising.

Much of the "Royal copy" which is gisted to the Fleet Street mill—such things as the exact composition of a party which the Queen ate—is puerile. And some Royal copy is even impertinent invention. But in what way can this type of idiotic publicity be controlled?

Other Way

MANY people demand a much more rigid control of the Press. The facts of the case, however, seem to point the other way. No control is likely to be fully effective.

And an ineffective control is worse than none for it will discourage only the field journalist—leaving the field free and "scops" abounding for his less scrupulous rival. But it must be said, too, that the absence of any information at all leaves the field open to inspired invention.

That news of the Royal Family is sought by every influential journal agency is the surest proof of the regard in which the Queen is held by her people.

Demands

WHATEVER his personal views, the editor of a popular journal would be unlikely to keep for long either his circulation or his job if he were to practise the "restraint" which his critics constantly demand of him.

The regular supply of Royal copy does not mean that the Queen and her family must or should be submitted to importunate intrusion. But it does mean, by the laws of supply and demand, that if the important journalist is to be discouraged the job will be done more effectively by encouraging his more responsible seniors, than by putting detectives on his track or instituting penalties.

Increase Value

THE effect of putting severe restrictions upon the Press is largely to increase the value of the coverage.

In asking for guidance Commander Colville has acted wisely. There is no question that the influential journalists on or advising the Press Council will wish Royal information to be made available first to themselves.

But the Palace will be "covered" and unless there is a more liberal attitude the gossip quessers will turn elsewhere in search of Royal copy.

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CONSERVATIVES REMAIN IN POWER

Labour's 'No Confidence' Motion Defeated By Majority Of 62

London, Jan. 23.

The British Government tonight won a vote of confidence in the House of Commons, defeating a Labour opposition "no confidence" motion by 324 votes to 262—a Government majority of 62.

Cotton Man Warns Of New Action Against HK

Manchester, Jan. 23.

A British cotton chief today warned of new action to limit imports of cheap cotton cloth from Asia.

Mr. Roger Lee, Chairman of the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, the world's biggest spinning combine, told the Company's annual meeting here that details of new proposals were likely to be revealed in the next four or five weeks.

He said British manufacturers had been unable to persuade the Government to take action and to arrange with India, Pakistan and Hongkong for voluntary limitation of shipments.

"The industry," he added, "will certainly continue its efforts, and recently suggestions which might bring about a limitation of the imports by other means have been made."

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The Government's own motion calling for support for its resolve to maintain "by every effective means the internal and external value of the pound" was then formally agreed to without a vote.

The debate was inspired by the recent resignations of Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and two of his Treasury ministers, in protest at Government plans to increase spending next year. Mr. Thorneycroft said today Britain was spending too much in trying to be a nuclear power, keep large conventional forces as well, and maintain a welfare state at a high level.

He said he backed the Government motion calling for the support of the House of Commons to "maintain by every effective means the internal and external value of the pound."

"But," he declared, "Britain over the past 12 years has suffered from one crisis to another through trying to do too much."

He added: "The basic problem, whether it is in the welfare state, or arms, or both, is that we should plan to spend less. Unless we do, the pound will continue to decline in value."

There was an England which professed not to accept the social position of two million unemployed as a price of a "not disastrous balance of payments."

With rising productivity, the nation could afford wage increases—within bounds. Was it difficult to reach agreement?

The first rule was for a government not to provoke wage increases by such moves as the recent law changes which raised rents of thousands of people.

Mr. Gaiskell said that the Government was "without doubt" moving to electoral defeat. It had lost the confidence of the country and should go.

They are tired and troubled men. Let them cling to office no longer," he said.

Mr. Harold Wilson, Labour's economic expert, said the Government's policy was to hold down production to the point where employment was being endangered, and "industrial stagnation" was costing the country £2,000 million a year.

Replying to the debate, Mr. R. A. Butler, leading the Government in the absence abroad of the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, said the Government did not intend to have an election but would "see the job through" and win the battle against inflation.

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FUCHS STILL DELAYED AT SOUTH POLE

Wellington, Jan. 24.

A false alarm about Dr. Vivian Fuchs, and his Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic party leaving the Pole was corrected at midday here today by another message from Douglas McKenzie, official correspondent of the Ross Sea Committee, at Scott Base.

After making a further radio check, McKenzie reported that up to 11 a.m. no word had been sent out from the Pole that the Fuchs' party had actually begun their 1,200-mile trek to McMurdo Sound.

Confirmation

He was due to leave this morning, but confirmation of the departure is still awaited.

An earlier report from Scott Base said that Dr. Fuchs and his team of 11 scientist explorers had left the American station at the South Pole on Thursday night after being delayed for some hours by a blizzard.

The party had also had trouble with a snowcat carrying seismic gear. It had developed a mechanical fault but this was expected to be repaired. The Ross Sea Committee controls the New Zealand end of the expedition.—Reuters.

BANDIT QUEEN KILLED IN GUN-FIGHT

Bhopal, Jan. 23.

India's bandit queen, Putli, whose gang has terrorised large areas of Central India for the past three years, was shot dead today with nine of her followers in a running gun-fight with police.

The 32-year-old Putli and her paramour, bandit leader Kalla Gujar, were killed along with other members of a gang outside the village of Chhali, near Agra, about 150 miles south of Delhi.

Putli—her name means "doll"—was a dancing girl who was kidnapped by a bandit named Sultana seven years ago.

She was released in return for ransom of 500 rupees but later agreed to go back to join Sultana's gang as a police spy.

Instead she fell in love with him and remained as his trusted lieutenant and to bear him two children.

She was seen in battles with police, raising a horse in man's dress with a child in one arm and a gun in the other.

Sultana, who was said to have been responsible for 84 murders, was killed by police three years ago but Putli escaped after shooting a constable.

She joined another gang but quarrelled with its leader and shot him down during an encounter with police.

Later she appealed to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, to allow her to give up her life as an outlaw and be pardoned. Otherwise she would have to live and die as a dacoit.

The letter was never answered. An official report received here tonight said the state police party which killed Putli was chasing remaining members of the gang.

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Military Junta Finds Support In Venezuela

Caracas, Jan. 23.

Popular celebrations were underway here today to celebrate the fall of the Venezuelan strongman, Marcos Perez Jimenez, who was ousted last night by a military junta.

The Junta, headed by Rear-Admiral Wolfgang Larrazabal, started the revolt on Tuesday and ousted Jimenez in less than 48 hours after the armed services had joined in the uprising.

Larrazabal told A.P.P. that a new government would be formed very shortly and all political parties except the Communists would be allowed to reorganise.

Part of the crowd, dressed in front of the Presidential Palace where the Junta was installed, and justly cheered "Our Liberator."

They also burned down the building which housed Jimenez's official newspaper, El Heraldo.

Church bells in Caracas Cathedral and other churches tolled loudly and official communiques announced prompt liberation of all political prisoners held since 1948, when Jimenez took power.

After the fall of the gaol, which had loomed in the public mind as Venezuela's "Bastille," a crowd of demonstrators paraded through downtown streets behind a coffin bearing a portrait of Jimenez, turned upside down.

Larrazabal was reported to have started the last phase of the uprising at 2200 GMT last night when he met with top officers of the armed forces to draw up an ultimatum, demanding Jimenez's departure.

The officers, among them some of Jimenez's staunchest supporters in the New Year's revolt, notified him that garrisons in Puerto Cabello, Valencia, La Guayana and lesser cities had rallied to the Junta.

Their defection, and the fact that Venezuelan warships from La Guayana were on route to Caracas, apparently convinced Jimenez. The Junta took over at 0330 GMT.

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ARREST OF PERON ORDERED

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Authoritative sources said here tonight that the new Venezuelan Government has ordered the capture of Juan D. Peron, ex-Dictator of Argentina.

Peron is accused of perverting minors. In Bogota the present whereabouts of former Argentine President, Juan Peron, remained a mystery.

The newspaper Independiente today published reports that the former Argentine President, who had been living in Venezuela, left there by air for an unknown destination.

The reports said that Peron, having found out he would not be allowed to enter Colombia had gone to Santo Domingo near San Cristobal in the frontier region and had camped there for a week.

The frontier between Colombia and Venezuela at the Tachira international bridge, was closed on the Colombian side today, it was learned here. —United Press and Franco-Press.

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BARTER DEAL WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOSS

Manila, Jan. 24.

The Philippine Government would have lost US\$250,000 if it had pushed through a copra barter deal with a Hongkong firm, trade resources disclosed yesterday.

The deal, under which the unnamed Hongkong firm would have shipped 50,000 tons of rice in exchange for copra, has been overruled because of adverse criticism and fear the rice originated from Red China.

Despite the scrapping, it was reported that the Senate would investigate the transaction to find out who was responsible. The Hongkong firm offered its rice at US\$115 per ton, reportedly \$5 more than a Philippine firm had offered.—France-Press.

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Small Hopes Of Success In Ship Charter Talks

Tokyo, Jan. 23. Indonesian ship charter negotiations with Japanese shipowners were at the breakup stage today. Indonesian and Japanese representatives saw virtually no prospect of agreement before Indonesian government representative S.E. Haznam leaves for home on Saturday.

Japanese shipping sources said only intervention by the Japanese government could salvage the talks which started hopelessly late last month.

FAR APART

The two sides are too far apart on shipping rates, one official said. "Indonesia will not give in, and the only thing which can persuade the Japanese shipowners to concede is a government guarantee to reimburse them for any losses they may suffer."

So far, the government, desirous of protecting its neutrality in the Indonesia-Netherlands squabble, has maintained a strict hands-off policy with regard to the talks.

Haznam has not signed a single charter contract with any Japanese shipowner so far. He claimed the Japanese were asking too much.

He met the members of a Japanese ship charter committee today but informed sources said the two sides made no headway.

Haznam has said he plans to go home on Saturday—contract or no contract.—United Press.

Sputnik's Return

London, Jan. 23.

Sputnik II, carrying space-dog Laika, will come down to earth towards the end of April, a Ministry of Supply spokesman stated tonight.

He said the forecast was based on calculations by scientists at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, Hampshire.—Reuter.

GIANT FIRE RAGES IN LONDON BASEMENT

London, Jan. 23.

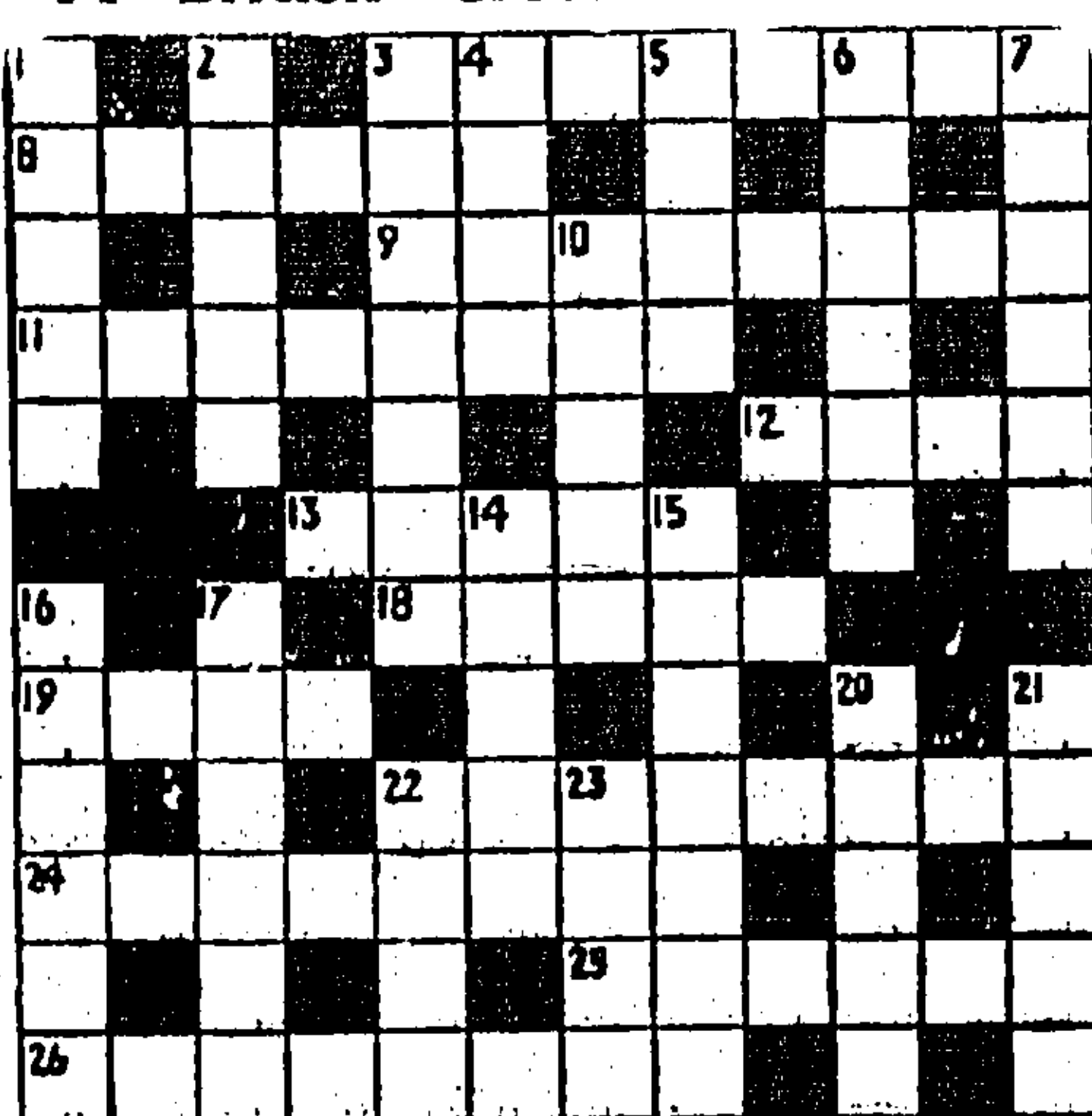
A GIANT fire in the basement of London's main Smithfield meat market continued to rage tonight despite the efforts of all available firefighters in the city.

Two firemen had already died in the blaze which was first reported early this morning. Another eight had been sent to hospital.

Firemen wearing breathing apparatus were battling the blaze in relay teams and experts said the work would probably continue all night into Friday in an attempt to prevent the holocaust from spreading to neighbouring buildings.

Flames 20 feet high reached out of the basement of the meat warehouse tonight as firefighters erected supports against the walls of the building to prevent them from crumbling.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Unequaled—like an empty house of Lords? (8)
 - Sell or tell. (6)
 - Backbone? (8)
 - Malicious, but doesn't support. (6)
 - For those in it the name's the same. (4)
 - Scatter. (6)
 - Bird which has its use. (5)
 - Hurried to conceal, we hear. (4)
 - Dad's efforts at confectionery? (8)
 - Common name abroad. (8)
 - Soft built? (6)
 - Newcomer, perhaps. (8)
- DOWN**
- Don't drop it! (5)
 - Miners work it. (7)
 - Jamaica pepper. (7)
 - Verve. (4)
 - Cricket sequences. (4)
 - Gives praise. (6)
 - Throwing like a nervous horse? (6)
 - Runs without doing work. (5)
 - Truly rustic? (5)
 - Our is very changeable. (7)
 - Clips. (6)
 - Article to follow? (6)
 - Saddle band. (6)
 - Introduce at a wedding, maybe. (6)
 - Get out a scheme. (4)
 - Herb the wise? (4)

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'Fate Of The World Doesn't Depend On Us'

ADENAUER'S FOREIGN POLICY

The Bundestag Passes Motion After Fourteen-Hour Debate

Colour-Ban On Romance

Bonn, Jan. 23.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said today that it "is a really big mistake" to act as though the fate of the world depended on Germany.

The great conflict was between the United States and the Soviet Union. The smaller peoples—"We among them"—were grouped around these.

Speaking in a Foreign Policy debate in the Bundestag (Lower House) the Chancellor said: "The situation has never been so serious since 1945 as it is today." He did not elaborate.

The Bundestag endorsed Dr Adenauer's foreign policy after 14½ hours of at times noisy debate.

It passed by a show of hands a resolution calling on the government to exercise its influence towards a summit conference with the Russians. But this should take place after diplomatic preparation, if suitable at a foreign ministers' conference.

This is the precise line that Dr Adenauer took in his letter to Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, delivered earlier this week.

Dr Adenauer said there must be "patient preparatory work," perhaps a Foreign Ministers' meeting, before there could be a summit conference.

"If there is another summit conference without results, positions would only harden," he said.

Dr Adenauer said the guiding principle of West German foreign policy was that "we must explore every road towards disarmament in the field of conventional and perhaps also atomic weapons, if necessary by stages."

Speaking on suggestions for a Central European zone free of atomic weapons, Dr Adenauer said "we considered possibilities for a disengagement between the two power blocks when I was still Foreign Minister. Believe me, we found that this was impossible and it is even more impossible now than a few years ago."

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist leader, had said that the Soviet Union did not really need the satellite states for rocket bases because she could fire at the whole of Europe with rockets from her own territory.

Dr Adenauer said that to deprive American forces in West Germany of atomic weapons would mean the end of Nato.

"How can we expect Americans to send their young sons here to defend us if the Russians have atomic weapons and they (the Americans) get none?" he asked.

"I am convinced that there is only one effective, objective means of solving this whole problem: controlled disarmament."

Resolutions

The government parties tonight introduced a resolution calling on the government to exercise its influence towards a summit conference with the Russians to take place after diplomatic preparations, if suitable, at a Foreign Ministers' conference.

This tallies with proposals put to Marshal Bulganin by Dr Adenauer in a letter delivered on Tuesday.

The resolution also called on the government to exercise its influence towards a resumption of disarmament talks and to see that in East-West talks solutions should be entertained only if they were calculated to end the division of Germany.—Reuter.

Secret Arms Cache

Saarbrücken, Jan. 23. A secret arms and ammunition dump operated by Algerian rebels has been uncovered in Bexbach, near here, police said today.

The concealed depot was found last December 3 but police did not reveal their find until today.

Rifles, pistols and ammunition were hidden under a pile of hay in a house rented by Algerian labourers, police said.—United Press.

KKK's Grand Wizard

EXTRADITION ON CHARGE OF INCITING RIOT

Marion, S. Carolina, Jan. 23. THE Grand Wizard of Carolina's Ku Klux Klan says he wants an early hearing on an attempt to extradite him to North Carolina to face a charge of inciting a riot.

The Klan leader, the Rev. James W. Cole of Marion, posted \$1,000 bond here yesterday pending extradition proceedings on the charge which stems from an Indian raid on a Klan rally last Saturday night near Maxton, North Carolina. A Grand Jury at Lumberton, North Carolina, indicted Cole on Monday along with Klan Grand Titan James Garland Martin of Reidsville, North Carolina. Martin was arrested at Saturday night

by Highway Patrolmen who found him hiding in the bushes to escape the angry Indians. Martin, who said his duties as Grand Titan were to "keep others in the Klan from drinking and carrying on," appeared before an Indian judge in Maxton Recorder's Court yesterday on charges of drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon.

Judge Lucy Mawer fined him \$50 and court costs and gave him a 60-day suspended sentence. Cole said that he "hoped" Klansmen would not be armed at a rally planned for Saturday night near Burlington, North Carolina. Cole said he plans to attend the rally if the extradition matter is settled before that time.—United Press.



American Mothers May Obtain Sons' Freedom

Washington, Jan. 23.

Chances now are considered about 50-50 that China will authorize the early release of three of the six Americans still imprisoned in that country.

Is US Envoy Immune From P.I. Prosecution?

Washington, Jan. 23.

The State Department said today it is awaiting details of an auto accident involving a Foreign Service officer in the Philippines.

The case involves Hugh J. McCall, second secretary and Vice-Consul at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. He ran over a boy with his car on December 14.

The Filipino Prosecutor's office claims McCall does not have diplomatic immunity because he is performing consular rather than diplomatic duties. McCall claims he does have diplomatic immunity and therefore is not subject to prosecution by the Philippines.

The State Department said it does not have details of either the case or McCall's status at the Embassy in the Philippines, and therefore could not comment on the issue. It is expecting a report from the Embassy. Officials said the matter is one to be handled between the Philippine Foreign Office and the Manila Embassy.—United Press.

Strike Ends

Calcutta, Jan. 23.

Twelve thousand Calcutta dockers went back to work today after an eight-day strike which paralysed loading and unloading operations in the port.

Congestion in the port was so acute as a result of the strike that ships had begun queuing at the mouth of the river.—France-Press.

Wildly Cheering Crowds

Aga Khan Assumes Leadership Of Ismaili Moslems

Karachi, Jan. 23.

About 85,000 people, packing Karachi's stadium today, cheered wildly as the Aga Khan was enthroned as spiritual leader of the world's 20 million-strong Ismaili Moslem sect.

The stadium was a riot of colour with masked pipe bands in tartan cloaks and Ismaili leaders in gold turbans and scarlet robes embroidered with gold thread.

Pakistan Cabinet Ministers and diplomats filled the enclosures, where the Aga Khan's mother, British-born Princess Jonn Ali Khan, watched the proceedings.

The 21-year-old Aga Khan who succeeded to the post of Ismaili leader on the death of his grandfather last summer, was dressed in a white silk sherwani—a long high-necked coat—and tall black Afghani cap.

Furore Over Allison Continues

Washington, Jan. 23.

Reports persisted here today that the coming transfer of Mr John Allison, the United States Ambassador from Djakarta was the result of basic disagreement between him and the State Department on policy towards the island Republic.

But the State Department still declined comment.

Today's Washington Evening Star said in a front page report: "Ambassador Allison believes the United States should continue to work with President Soekarno and his associates. Almost all of the State Department believes the time has come to cultivate other political elements in Indonesia."

The report said that since Mr Allison would have had to be the chief operator in developing contact with anti-Soekarno parties, "he felt he could not properly execute this policy in which he did not believe."

Mr Allison is due to leave Djakarta next Tuesday.—Reuter.

CHEERS

The crowd cheered as he mounted the dais in the centre of the stadium to take his seat on a low-velvet-covered throne. The ceremony began with the leader of the local Ismaili community chanting verses from the Koran.

The Aga Khan then rose to receive a 300-year-old parchment copy of the Koran, which he as spiritual leader is regarded as the interpreter.

Elders in scarlet and gold next robed him in a long cloak finely worked in maroon and grey, after which he placed his hands as a token of acceptance on his head, a gold chain of 40 medallions bearing the names of his predecessors and signifying his direct descent from the first spiritual leader of the sect, Hazrat Ali, who lived about 14 centuries ago.

SMILES

Smiling, the Aga Khan bent his head while the elders hung round him, a gold chain of 40 medallions bearing the names of his predecessors and signifying his direct descent from the first spiritual leader of the sect, Hazrat Ali, who lived about 14 centuries ago.

Addressing the crowd as "my spiritual children," the Aga Khan, speaking clearly and

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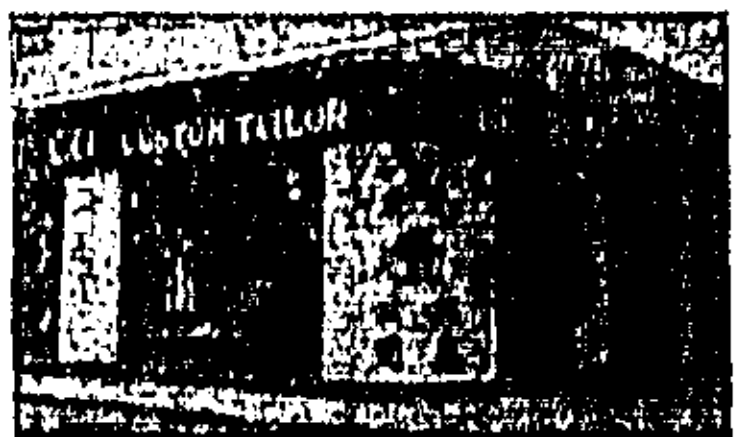
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The straw man hits back

HERE I AM AGAIN... AND I FIND A NEW AMERICA

GIVE the Americans credit for trying. Here is President Eisenhower, back with the confident, wide grin, the arms held above the head in the prizefighter victory pose, the ruddy complexion, and infectious charm.

He may not feel very well, but he looks a very fit 67-year-old fiddle. The impediment in his speech, brought on by the stroke, has now gone completely. The President is determined to make a supreme fight this year on all fronts. He is defying doctors' and his wife's advice.

There has been the sudden announcement that there will be six formal dinners between January 16 and February 11 and elaborate diplomatic, military, and Congressional receptions.

The White House's social programme is to be the giddiest

even the most crucial questions, and calmly, almost smugly, admitting that the Soviet Union is articulating a bad policy better than the Americans are articulating a good policy.

Mr Dulles always has an answer and an alibi for even his most chilling mistakes and blunders. Even though his policy is in tatters and the President is showing signs of edging away from him, he remains supremely pleased with himself.

Latest Notes in reply to Bulganin, suggesting that Russia join a ban on space war and limit the United Nations veto, have produced a wide yawn. The public expects more than this.

Associated Press building to the Avenue of the Americans at Radio City music-hall has been levelled.

Broadway itself, the Great White Way, which is now Rain-Low Avenue, looks like a battlefield. Hugo Dillies have been cut by pneumatic drills and bulldozers, and the place is a litter of cranes, temporary planks, broadwalks, tunnels, and trenches.

Changed

NEW YORKERS themselves seem to have changed. The cockiness has vanished; the manners improved. During the past week in New York State alone there has been an increase in unemployment of 60,000 people, and the total for the entire State is around 500,000.

For the country as a whole the figure is approximately 3,500,000. Economists, who rarely right, say the nation can comfortably carry 5,000,000 unemployed.

This is not much comfort for a man being paid \$30 (about £13) a week unemployment insurance in a town where a telephone call costs \$15, and a hamburger a dollar (about 75c). So there is fear of recession, and even depression, as well as Sputniks.

Wall Street has been tumbling again, but missile and rocket stocks have climbed sharply and I kick myself for not buying. My callers have been limited. Herbert Wilcox and Anna Neagle dropped in at my new apartment, 1010 Fifth Avenue, for a drink, and Wilcox tells me:

"There has been a complete change in the attitude of the American film industry. Now they need us. Oh, how they need us."

"For years I have been given 'maybe', 'perhaps', and then the blunt 'No'. Now they are clamoring for British pictures. 'Without the British Commonwealth and the world market Hollywood would fall flat on its face and die.'"

The Bristol Britannia is proving a triumph, and the announcement and the advertisement, "From now on your life will be different," are eye-catching.



STASSEN 20 YEARS IN THE RUN

In trouble

I HAVE to report a sickness in America today, not in character, or in strength or ingenuity, which the Americans call know-how, but in the national situation. This country is in trouble and knows it.

Mr Harold Stassen, who has been running for President for the past 20 years, is risking what future he has in an all-out assault upon Dulles.

Stassen, who was a wonderful Governor, at 51, of Minnesota, and has held several Cabinet posts, lacks guile.

He went for Vice-President Richard Nixon before the last



IKE DEIFYING DOCTORS

and gaudiest since before the war.

During the two years that followed Eisenhower's attack there were scarcely any parties given by the President and Mrs Eisenhower. There were only little groups of poker players in the White House study and, of course, the golf games.

Now Eisenhower, calling on all his reserves, is trying to present to the nation and the world the picture of a robust buoyant man on top of his job and infused with leadership that will inspire 170,000,000 Americans.

A cover-up

THE cynics are saying that it is all gloss and cover-up, and that Eisenhower with his new batch of ghost-writers, his sunlamp glow, is still a sick straw man, unable to rally the country or to challenge the Soviet in the space race.

Professor Max Lerner says: "The hunger of Americans is for a gesture of leadership. For three months they have been asking for the bread of leadership and now the President draws for them the picture of a loaf."

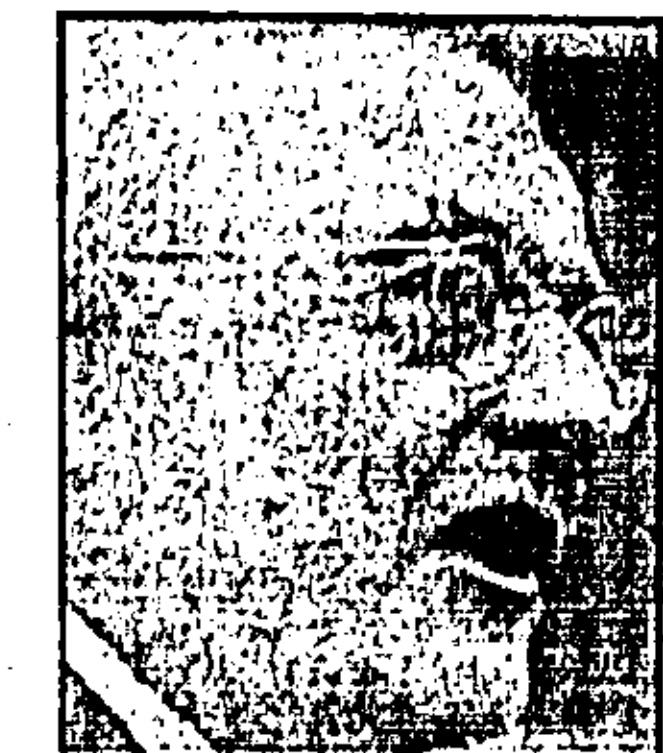
Since I have been back I have been conscious of public disapproval of the official Government attitude to Russia and deep dissatisfaction with Mr John Foster Dulles.

Here in the Associated Press building, where almost all the world's New York correspondents are stationed, and where Tass and Pravda have a busy bureau just beneath my office, there is near-unanimity that Dulles must go.

The Secretary of State, in the opinion of the experts, is blocking an Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting and has won the doubtful reputation of being the most distrusted American Foreign Secretary of this century.

What does John Foster Dulles say? As always, plenty.

I saw him at his most recent press conference — eloquent, earnest, in no way rattled by



DULLES DISSATISFIED

election, but was routed, and was lucky to hold on to his job as Disarmament Minister.

Now he has charged full tilt against the grey eminence of Mr Dulles.

This time, with popular opinion swinging behind him, he might help to topple the man who has dominated American foreign policy for the past six years, and whose actions and antics have resulted in a stunning drop in American prestige, power, and influence.

Torn up

THERE have been six inches of snow in Manhattan, and the avenues and the streets are cluttered, but the skies are bright blue and the sun brilliant day after day.

In Rockefeller Plaza, where I work, there has been drastic change, and almost the whole of 51st Street, from the



"Let him turn on the heat — we must stand firm and keep a cool head!"

Once 13-year-old Bertha Hertogh was the centre of an international legal storm... the cause of race riots that cost 17 deaths... the subject of headline news all over the world...

Now the Jungle Girl pushes a pram in a sleepy Dutch town

Che Aminah, and in Malay she cried: "Mummy, what shall I do now?"

Scowling

DOWN the main shopping street of the sleepy, seacoast town of Bergen-op-Zoom, in Holland, a young housewife walks, pushing a pram, busy about her morning chores.

Her name is Mevrouw Maria Bertha Wolkenfeld. She is 20 years old, pretty in a dark, elfish way, the wife of a furniture maker, three years her senior, who works in the local railway carriage repair shops.

An ordinary housewife, whose passing goes unnoticed.

Yet a short seven years ago, when Maria Bertha first arrived in Bergen, the whole town and neighbourhood, 30,000 people, turned out to stare at her and cheer.

Bertha Hertogh she was then to the world. To the headline writers she was the Jungle Girl.

The little Dutch girl whose mother, fighting like a tiger through the courts of Singapore, had won her back from Malayan foster-parents. The child whose "marriage" at 13 to a Muslim schoolteacher the Singapore High Court annulled. The innocent, choicely-faced cause of brutal race-riots that cost 17 deaths, 400 injured.

"Nadra, Nadra, Nadra," the storming mob screamed as they ran amuck in Singapore. Nadra was the name by which Bertha's foster-parents and her "husband" knew her.

"Bertha, Bertha," the plumply prosperous people of Bergen sighed as the child came home, a scowling, sullen child with a chip on her shoulder the size of a log.

Bertha's story, which is that rare thing, a tragedy that has a happy ending, began when she was five years old in 1942. The Japanese in that year over-ran Java, where Bertha lived with her brothers, sisters and parents — her father was a sergeant-major, a master-baker, in the Dutch army.

A few days

Her father, Adrian Hertogh, was quickly put into a prison camp. Her mother, Adeline, whose own mother was half Indonesian, was expecting another baby. To save her children and the unborn baby, she took them to live in a native compound.

It was there that Bertha's mother met a Malayan woman named Che Aminah. It was to Che Aminah that Adeline Hertogh gave custody of Bertha "for a few days" during and after the birth of her sixth child, a son.

As soon as she was out of bed, after her confinement, Adeline Hertogh went to claim her daughter back. She went by bicycle and on her way was captured by the Japanese and put in a concentration camp at Darme, near Sourabaya. By the time she was allowed to leave, Bertha had disappeared. The war ended. The family was reunited. Except for

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by
**JOHN
CLARKE**

Bertha, Adrian Hertogh took his wife and children back to Holland — to Bergen-op-Zoom, his old home town.

Obsession

It is a pleasant, unpretentious town, close to the Belgian border. They grow asparagus there, fish for techovics and make iron stoves. The working people are socially ultra-conservative. The woman from Indonesia was slow in making friends; and her obsession about a daughter she called Bertha was no help.

Then Mevrouw Hertogh had a letter from Malaya, from her half-brother, William Hunter (her maiden name was Hunter, her grandfather was a Scot). "I have met the former husband of Che Aminah," William Hunter wrote. "He knows where Bertha is."

Then began the struggle in the courts to get Bertha back into her mother's custody. Lawyers worked. Plots were laid. Bertha's "marriage" to Inche Mansoor Adabi took place. A manoeuvre to pre-empt these proceedings, Mr Justice Brown, the Singapore High Court judge, was later to say of it. But he added: "I am satisfied that the child was neither forced nor tricked into it."

The child, Bertha, indeed, opposed all her mother's endeavours. She spoke only Malayan. She was a victim of strange circumstance, but a sullen, smouldering, resentful victim. And when the High Court verdict was given in her mother's favour Bertha turned sobbing to her foster-mother.

Bertha was whisked to a convent. An airliner was diverted to carry her and her mother home.

Bergen-op-Zoom dressed itself up as if for a gala to give the child a welcome. As they cheered, the footings and beatings-up and killings began in Singapore.

Few people, and I was not one, would have shared her mother's unshakable belief that Bertha could ever become a part of her own flesh-and-blood family.

But a little while afterwards I had a long talk with Bertha. And time and faith and her family — and a policeman — had worked wonders upon her.

Her brothers and sisters, ignoring her scorn and her snubs, had made her one of their number. Her father and mother, at what cost in hurt only they knew, had eased her into the family.

The policeman had shifted the chip from her shoulder and turned Bertha from a naughty young woman into a cheerful teenager.

The policeman, Frank Borremans, was appointed bodyguard to Bertha when she came home, for rumours flew round of plots to kidnap and kill, both the girl and her parents.

At home

Frank Borremans, a hulking, handsome, cheerful fair-haired man in his thirties, took the threats in his stride and metaphorically put Bertha over his knee.

Gently, by a wonderful mixture of banter and grave solemnity, he won the child back from the giddy heights of world notoriety to which she had become accustomed. He won her confidence. The nursery — democracy which Bertha's brothers and sisters practised, and the calm of her parents, did the rest.

So that when I asked Bertha, one day, what she wanted most out of life, she said: "Just to be at home."

And now she is at a home of her own — with Johannes Bernardus Wolkenfeld, whom she married in the spring of 1956, and baby, who is just a year old.

"Nothing ever happens to anyone here," they tell you in this quiet town of steep-pitched red roofs. And if you asked Bertha whether anything ever happened to anyone, she would probably tell you the same.

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This Funny World



"I thought she did very well, considering she's only three years old."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ADIEU, M. Pommes Frites, as the French youth said to the oldest master in the Lycée. Government scientists (who are not to be confused with the ruff-raff of the amateur laboratories, the scum of the private power-plants, the sweepings of the scientific underworld) have discovered that chips made from potatoes treated with atomic rays are not worth the paper they are wrapped in. That depends on the paper. At smart restaurants only the most expensive periodicals are used to wrap a customer's "portion," but there are less horrible restaurants in alleys where cheaper newspapers are used. Even atomic potatoes are worth that sort of paper. "Turnips bombarded with strontium for tea," (Witlike) vouchsafed her mother.

A-hunting we will not go

EVERY day there's story of some hunt or other losing not only the fox but also the seven of hounds which is their sole protection. Only one who has ridden out valiantly to meet on the hounds from behind can realise the courage and fortitude needed to face the stark fact of the hounds' desertion. At any moment the fox may steel up on the hounds, and without the hounds they are at its mercy. If, as they huddle together in some wood for safety, starting at the slightest sound in the undergrowth, the hounds go into hysterics, who can blame them? Even the men, nerves on edge, may be forgiven

Al Kohol to the rescue

AL KOHOL, Sol Hogwaseh's aide-de-camp, has one of those grim Big Business faces. Concrete wouldn't melt in his mouth. At present the face is grimmer than usual. The popularity of film actresses wanes so rapidly that they are forgotten before they appear in their second film. All the tricks of publicity have grown stale, and new ideas are needed. Al Kohol is the man to find them, and he has already thought of something so sensational that it is being kept secret for a while. Dawn Kedgeree, who is no longer mobbed in the streets, has even cheered, it is to be believed.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

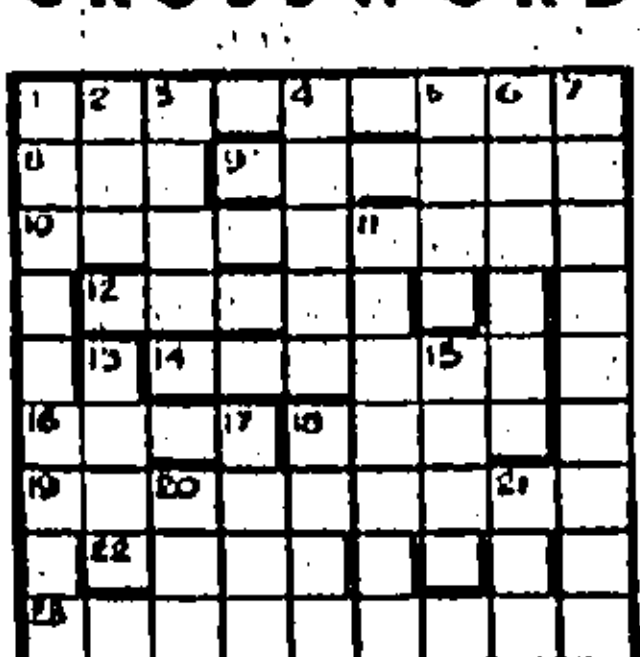
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

BORN today, you are an industrious worker and an excellent organizer. This combination augurs well for your career, but rather early in your business career. Your life will not always be an easy one, but you seem to have the ability to rise above temporary upsets and carry on to a bigger and better success. You are the type who finds that being at the head of your own family group brings a happiness and contentment unobtainable by any other venture in life. And while you let your partner share in your climb toward success.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There is a tendency to start some-

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Haddened. (9)
2. M. G. (10)
3. Downman. (10)
4. Hadden word. (10)
5. Hadden word. (10)
6. Green. (10) 10. Gay Kane. (10)
7. Old theatre owner. (10)
8. Pines. (10)
9. Wild in France. (10)
10. Racing town. (10)
Down
1. A yellow weed. (9)
2. Dark. (10)
3. Make the way easy. (10)
4. Mistake. (10)
5. Coward. (10)
6. Unusually. (10)
7. To whiff. (10)
8. Thoughts go. (10)
9. Hadden word. (10)
10. Hadden word. (10)
11. Branch. (10)
12. Friend. (10)
13. A blue. (10)
14. Runner. (10)
15. Head. (10)
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Two Life Masters Win Their Spurs

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand helped make two new life masters: Bill Burns and Bob Chow of Toronto. The game was board a match of four, and at practically every table East and West arrived at a six spade contract only to have North and South save it seven clubs.

Six spades makes easily since all East has to do is draw trumps, discard two of dummy's diamonds on his long hearts and concede a diamond trick. As for seven clubs, declarer must lose one club and two hearts only for a mere 500 point penalty.

When Bob Chow sat West he chose to make an irregular

NORTH 6			
None	92	QJ1094	KJ7653
WEST EAST (D)			
AQ1094	KJ7653	AJ753	KJ7653
1074	AJ753	KJ7653	None
853	None	None	None
AQ	None	None	None
SOUTH			
652	855	A7	109842
East and West vulnerable			
East	South	West	North
1	Pass	2	Pass
3	Pass	N.T.	Pass
5	Pass	6	Pass
Pass	Pass	6	Pass
Opening lead—4-10			

response of two diamonds to his partner's opening spade bid. This call effectively stifled North's ambitions to defend and East was allowed to play and make the spade slam.

When Bill Burns sat North, his opponents really made things tough for him. They were using a strong but non-forcing opening two bid so East opened with two spades. West jumped right to the small slam and it was up to Bill to net at the six level.

He did all right. He bid six no-trump. This is a most unusual example of the unusual no-trump convention. This bid tells partner to choose a minor suit and is used with hands such as Bill's.

South then bid the seven clubs and took his small loss. Congratulations to our two new life members. It is nice to know that their own good bids contributed to their success.

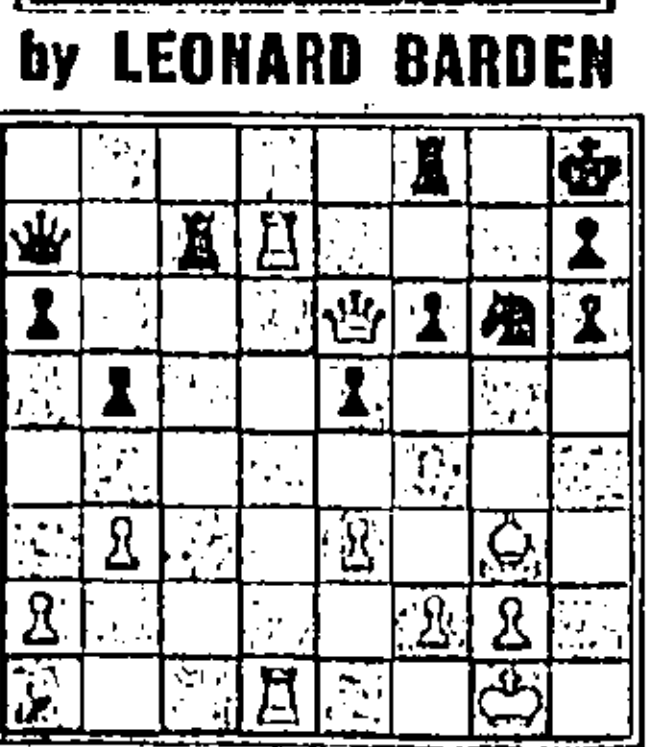
CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1. Pass 2. Pass 3. Pass
You South hold:
AK2 ♥ K2 ♠ J7643 AQ10
What do you do?
A—Bid three spades. You will bid more later but this is sufficient for the present.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner continues with a bid of six clubs. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play: White to move and win
Solution No 5337: 1. Q-R7 (threat 2. Q-Q4) R-KK3; 2. Q-R7 or Q-R6 2K1-K16; 3. Q-KP1; 2. K1-B3; or K1-B6; 2. K1-B6; or Q-B5; 2. QK1-B6; or R-Q; 2. K1-Q6.
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TARGET

R C E
C E H
E N O
HOW many words of 3 or more letters can you make from the letters in the word "TARGET"? The letters in the word "TARGET" are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T. The letters in the word "TARGET" are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T. The letters in the word "TARGET" are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T.

WOMANSENSE

KEEP LOOKING PRETTY EVEN WITH A COLD

By JEANNE D'ARCY



LOOK PRETTY while you convalesce from a cold. Apply a non-oily lotion to keep skin smooth. Tie up straggly hair in a gay kerchief.

You have a cold. You feel awful. You look worse.

What to do about it?

Follow Orders

Follow the doctor's orders: Stay home, keep warm, take prescribed doses of whatever medicine's indicated. In time—a few days usually—the cold will clear.

While you're waiting it out, do something about your appearance. Looking pretty is a morale raiser.

Lubricate Skin

Use a non-greasy liquid on the skin to keep it soft, smooth and well-lubricated.

Do make an effort to apply make-up, even though you have that what's-the-use feeling. Foundation base is important. Your skin grays out with a cold, leaving you looking like an ugly-duckling Camille ready for the last act. A tinted base will restore colour.

No Rouge Needed

Don't bother with rouge. A red nose—and even with petroleum jelly, your nose will be somewhat red—is enough colour for one face. Rouge will just call attention to it.

No need for mascara, but if you have the energy to apply it, go ahead. Use the kind that won't smudge when eyes water around the nose, not just to prevent that ugly red look but to ward off soreness, too. You'll be amazed at how it helps on both counts.

Do use fragrance aids—dusting powder and cologne. They'll give your spirits a much-needed lift.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Paste floor wax makes a good substitute for shoe polish of any colour.

Save yourself time by hang-

ing sheets and towels straight when you put them on the clothesline. You can often get by with little or no ironing that way.

A Classic



A CLASSIC cashmere sweater with matching shirt of fine flannel is still the favourite choice of the smart woman.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

O'Scowl Hated Everybody

—But Hanid Didn't Believe He Really Did—

By MAX TRELL

PIXIE O'Scowl was pacing up and down in front of O'Cheer Hall in the base of the Old Oak where the Pixies lived.

Pixie O'Scowl was muttering and grumbling. There was nothing unusual about this except that he was muttering and grumbling louder than usual which meant, of course, that he was in a worse temper than usual.

He had just finished saying: "Tooh! I hate everybody!" when Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About names, came along. They had been gathering acorns and walnuts.

Generous Offer

Seeing Pixie O'Scowl, they walked up to him with the generous idea of offering him some.

"Tooh!" Pixie O'Scowl said. "I hate everybody!"

"Oh dear!" What a terrible thing to say," said Hanid. "Here, have some walnuts."

"Go away!" said Pixie O'Scowl. "I hate you."

"You shouldn't say things like that," said Knarf. "Here, have some acorns. You can hollow them out and use them for cups."

"Paw!" snorted Pixie O'Scowl and started to walk away.

Hanid reached out and sized him between her thumb and fore-finger. The angry Pixie

squirmed and kleeled. But Hanid held him fast so he couldn't get away.

Speak Up

"Now you stay right here," Hanid told him. "Why do you hate everybody? Come now, speak up."

After kicking and squirming some more and finding it no use, Pixie O'Scowl quieted down.

"All right," he said. "I'll tell you why I hate everybody. Because everybody hates me!"

"Oh, that's not true, dear," said Hanid.

"It is true," said Pixie O'Scowl.

"We like you," said Knarf. "I don't believe it," said Pixie O'Scowl. "I don't believe anyone likes me."

Hanid said she didn't understand why Pixie O'Scowl should come to think that no one liked him. So he said he would explain.

Feeling Fine

"I was walking down the road," he said. "I was feeling fine. I was whistling and singing. I was jumping and jiggling. I said to myself: 'It's a wonderful world! Then I saw Cow. She was standing on the other side of the fence, eating grass."

"Good morning, Cow," I said. "It's a beautiful morning, isn't it?"

"Boo!" said the Cow.

"Of course, I was very surprised. 'Don't you want to talk to me, Cow?' I said.

"Boo," said the Cow.

"And that's what I got for trying to be friendly with that Cow. All she said to me was Boo."

"Oh dear," said Hanid. "That Cow didn't say Boo. She said Moo."

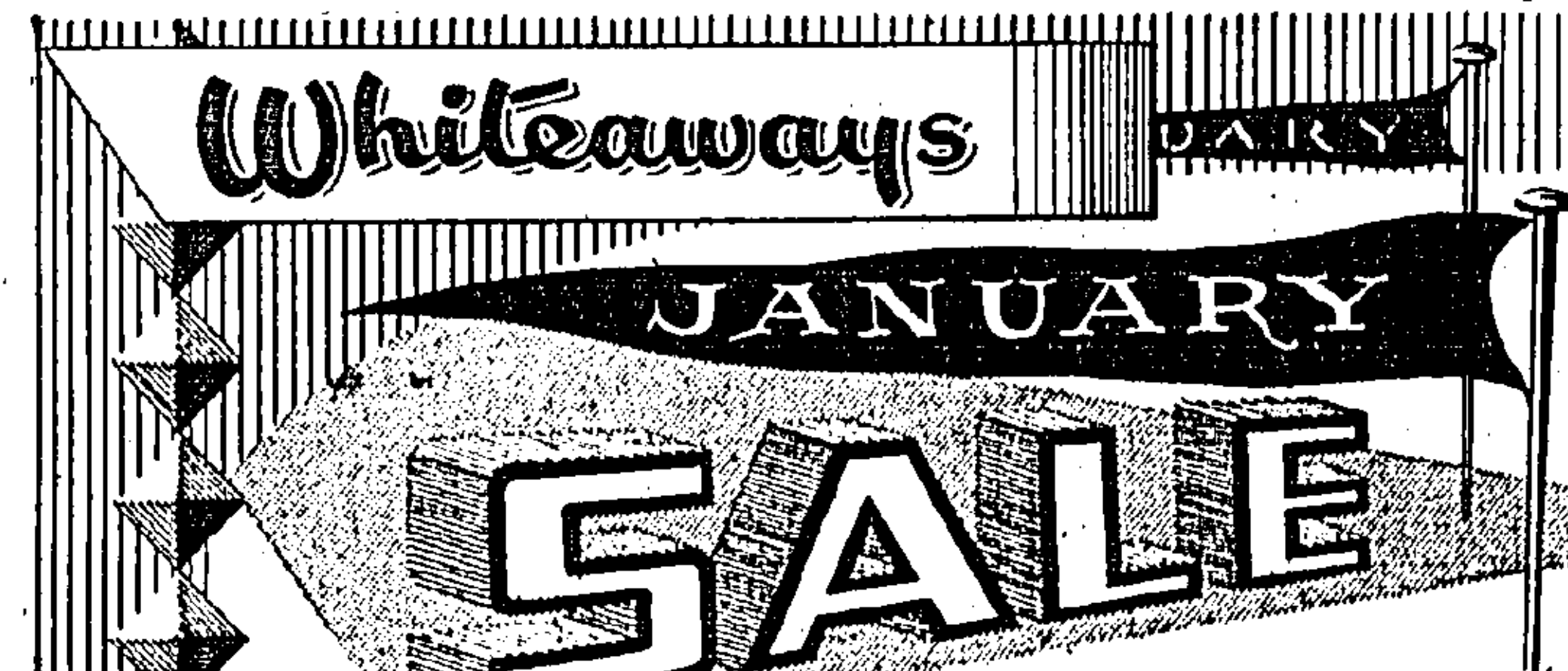
Pixie O'Scowl looked surprised. "Did she?"

"Certainly," said Knarf. "She wanted to be friendly. Cows always say Moo."

Rupert and the Thinking Cap—33



When the excitement of Christmas are over time passes quickly. New Year comes and Rupert begins to tear the days of the new calendar on the wall. "I wonder why Gregory doesn't come and tell me if he visited the Gipsies?" he thinks. Taking the ball that



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LITTLE MOVEMENT ON MARKET

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Jan. 23. Rex rubber futures closed 10 to 30 points today on sales of 32 contracts.

Jan. 20-22: Mar. 26.50; May 26.50; July 26.50; Sept. 27.00; Nov. 27.00; Jan. 27.00.

Standard contract closed 10 to 30 points lower with no sales reported.

Jan. 20-22: Mar. 26.50; May 26.50; July 26.50; Sept. 27.00; Nov. 27.00; Jan. 27.00.

Prices eased in a small market, reflecting the continued absence of consumer interest in the domestic market. Shipment offerings were moderate.

Reported sales included small amounts of one sheet cut in 6 done in Jan/Feb. shipment 26 cents cost and freight. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 20 1/2 cents.

SINGAPORE

Prices were down slightly at the opening and thereafter it ruled quiet and featureless with little inclination to trade.

There was small interest in lower grades and factories were small buyers. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 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HK Wins RAF Association Fund Trophy
London, Jan. 23.
The Hongkong branch of the Royal Air Force Association has won the trophy for raising the highest average Battle of Britain week's proceeds for the third year running, it was announced here.
Runners-up were Trinidad and Tobago branch, — Italer.

PEACE IN M.E. Russia Should Call On Arabs
Tel Aviv, Jan. 23.
Israel today told Russia that it could assist in promoting peace in the Middle East by calling on all Arab countries to start "direct negotiation for the conclusion of a peace treaty" with Israel.

In a reply to last month's Soviet move to all member countries of the United Nations, Israel said Russia could greatly help in promoting Middle East peace if it were to call on all nations in the region to maintain peaceful and co-operative co-existence and respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all nations in the area.
STRONGLY DESIRED
"Israel demands nothing from her neighbouring countries except peaceful co-existence on the basis of the principles so forcefully put forward" by Russia, it said.
Israel also "strongly desired" to establish closer economic and cultural relations with the Soviet Union.
Apart from the reference to Russia's possible positive role in the Middle East, the Israeli note was couched in the friendliest of terms.
It expressed "full agreement" with what it termed the "constructive principles" contained in the Soviet note.—Reuters.

COLONIAL OFFICE REJECTS MP's PROPOSAL

London, Jan. 23.
The British Colonial Office today rejected a proposal that a committee should study the working of a rule that the government of a Crown Colony, protectorate or trusteeship should not take part in party politics.

The proposal was made in the House of Commons by Mr. Graham Page, a Conservative.
Mr. John Profumo, the Colonial Under-Secretary, said he regarded it as important that the political impartiality of the public services in overseas territories should be beyond dispute.
"I have no evidence to suggest that local rules, which are based on local circumstances having regard to practice in this country, require investigation," he said.

Often Hampered
Mr. Page urged the Minister to relax restrictions on officials giving advice in colonial territories where colonial government was progressing towards self-government. He said progress was often hampered, and government actions and intentions falsified, because of these restrictions.
Mr. Profumo said he was not aware of any such difficulties. It was part of the normal duties of administrative, information and other officers to explain government policies to the general public, he added.—Reuters.

Zaroubin To Set Precedent?

Washington, Jan. 23.
The Soviet Ambassador, Georgi N. Zaroubin, will pay a farewell ceremonial visit to Vice-President Richard M. Nixon at the Capital tomorrow, it was learned tonight.
Observers here said they believed the visit was without precedent.
Mr. Zaroubin, who is leaving the United States next week for Moscow to become a deputy to the Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, requested the courtesy visit.

UNDERSTOOD

It was understood that Mr. Nixon asked the State Department about the propriety of the request and received approval.
When asked about the possibility Mr. Zaroubin might bring up the possibility of a Nixon trip to Moscow, one source close to Mr. Nixon said: "We don't know what he might bring up."
But, he added, "It's a ceremonial visit in the ceremonial office."—United Press.

VANGUARD LAUNCHING

Washington, Jan. 23.
Persistent rumours were circulating in Washington tonight that the United States Navy would launch at any moment the "Vanguard" rocket carry an American artificial satellite.
The Defence Department neither confirmed nor denied the rumours but informed sources said it was probable the "Vanguard" was ready for launching.
The "Vanguard" carrying the first American satellite exploded on the ground during its first test on December 6.—France-Press.

NEW LANGUAGE FOR CHINESE

Tokyo, Jan. 24.
China officially published for the first time on Wednesday a written language for its largest minority group—the Chuang people of western Kwangsi Province—the New China News Agency reported today.
The 32-letter alphabet for the Chuang people is similar to the Latin alphabet, the agency said. It was first created in 1954 and approved by the State Council last November after several revisions had been made in the first version.
"With a population of more than six million the Chuang people had no written language in its long history. They greeted the creation and popularisation of the new language as good tidings comparable with the land reform and collective farming movement," the Agency said.—United Press.

New Consuls

The Government Gazette announced today that the Queen's Executive Order empowering two consuls at Hongkong, Mr. Harold W. Jacobson (United States of America) and Mr. R. Kalamat (Indonesia), respectively, has received Her Majesty's signature.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, I don't mind my mother-in-law—she's nice! It's my husband I can't stand!"

Unemployed On Charge Of Extortion

A 32-year-old unemployed man, Cheung Wan, alias Ko Wai-lim, was arraigned before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a charge of threatening to accuse a person of an abominable crime with intent to extort money from that person.

Cheung pleaded not guilty to the charge.
Outlining the case for the Prosecution, Mr. Simon T. L. Crown Counsel, said that the complainant, Mr. Chow Tin, received an unsigned letter on November 19 last. The letter asked for a loan of \$100 and threatened to inform Chow's employer of an alleged infidelity if Chow did not pay.
The complainant promptly reported the matter to the Police and was given certain instructions. That evening, he went to an address in Chinatown Road as indicated in the letter and dropped a \$100 banknote wrapped in a cigarette packet on the ground.
Accused Arrived
The accused turned up. He was seen pick up the cigarette packet, take the note out, pocket it and throw away the packet, Mr. Li said.
The accused was immediately arrested.
A certain specimen of the accused's handwriting was obtained, and the handwriting expert would tell the jury that in his opinion, the specimen writing of the accused was identical to that in the threatening letter, said Mr. Li.
Mr. Li said he was not suggesting for any moment that there was any truth of the alleged abominable crime in the letter. "We do not know," he said.
Frightened
Mr. Chow Tin, an employee of a goldsmith shop, then gave evidence. He said he was frightened when he read the contents of the letter and reported to the Police. After having dropped the cigarette packet containing the \$100 to the ground in Cathman Road that night, he returned to his shop.
Hearing is continuing.

Exemption

The Government Gazette today announced the exemption from further application of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance subject to the stated conditions of the following premises: Nos. 1 to 29 (odd numbers only), Heaven Street, and Nos. 1 to 27 (odd numbers only), Caroline Hill Road, Hongkong.
The compensation to the tenants amount to \$467,950.
Also exempted are the following premises: Nos. 28 and 29, Mayhook Road, ground 1st and 2nd floors, and 28 Wongnien Road, ground floor.

Portuguese Ship Owners Expanding

Lisbon, Jan. 23.
Portuguese ship owners are investing more than \$60,000,000 in a ship building programme designed to give them a bigger share in carrying Portugal's overseas trade.
Major Henriques Jorge speaking in the Portuguese National Assembly said that since the beginning of 1957 orders have been placed for 15 vessels, value of which was estimated at 1,725,760,000 escudos (\$60,401,000).
PASSENGER
Two of the ships will be passenger liners in the 20,000-ton class which will operate on the route between Lisbon and Portuguese Africa. The ships will be ready by 1961.
Orders have also been placed for cargo freighters. Jorge pointed out that 60 per cent of Portugal's exports and imports are carried by sea but that of this amount only 35 per cent is handled by Portuguese ships.
He said that Portugal was losing millions of escudos worth of foreign currency in fees paid out to foreign shippers.—United Press.

New Streets At Tai Kok Tsui

The Government Gazette notified today that the following thoroughfares will be known in future as described hereunder:
Pok Man Street: road commencing at its junction with Tai Kok Tsui Road about 75 feet north of Foo Kwai Street running in a westerly direction for approximately 340 feet and terminating at the eastern boundary of KML 32 RP.
Ka Shin Street: road commencing at its junction with Tai Kok Tsui Road about 203 feet north of Foo Kwai Street running in a westerly direction for approximately 340 feet and terminating at the eastern boundary of KML 32 RP.

Board of Examiners

Messrs. Leung Fung-ki, Law Chung-kam and Leung Ping-hin have been appointed members of the Board of Examiners. It was notified in today's Government Gazette.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following postings, transfers, promotions and appointments in the various Government Departments were announced in the Government Gazette today:

Administration
Mr. D. M. Sellers, appointed Cadet Officer, Class II, with effect from January 15. Mr. Sellers arrived in Hongkong on January 15 on transfer from the Federation of Malaya. Mr. Sellers was appointed Labour Officer on the same date.
Medical and Health
Dr. David James Masterton Mackenzie, to be Director of Medical and Health Services as from January 15. Dr. Mackenzie arrived here on January 17 on transfer from Nigeria.
Dr. G. Graham-Cumming, Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services, ceased to act as Director of the Department on assumption of duty by Dr. Mackenzie.
Dr. G. V. A. Griffith, Assistant Director of Medical Services, ceased to act as Deputy Director.
Dr. S. H. Moore, Senior Medical Officer, ceased to act as Assistant Director of Medical Services.

Treasury
Mr. K. W. Farrow, Senior Executive Officer, Class I, ceased to be Principal Accountant while on leave as from January 24.
Mr. F. Crabb, Senior Executive Officer, Class II, to be Acting Principal Accountant and ceased to act as Principal Accountant.

Com. and Industry
Mr. J. Carter, Cadet Officer, Class II, ceased to be Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry as from January 24.

Marine Dept.
Mr. G. T. McGee, a naval architect, to be Surveyor of Ships as from December 13.
Mr. H. Torrance, Surveyor of Ships, ceased to act as Senior Surveyor.
Mr. K. Milburn, Surveyor, to be Acting Senior Surveyor of Ships.

Audit Dept.
Mr. Brian Henry Tucker to be Senior Auditor on transfer from Ghana as from January 13.
Mr. Goh Kim-toon, ceased to act as Senior Auditor on assumption of duty by Mr. Tucker.

Public Relations
Mr. Roy Lawrence John Wright to be a Production Officer in the Public Relations Office, with effect from December 17. Mr. Wright arrived here on January 15.

Post Office
Mr. Mak Sik-luen, Superintendent of Mails, to be Acting Assistant Controller of Posts vice Mr. D. A. Hynes who is on leave prior to retirement.

Labour Advisory Board Appointed

Today's Government Gazette announced the following appointments to the Labour Advisory Board for 1958:
Commissioner of Labour (Chairman) (officio), Commissioner Superintendent, HM Dockyard (observer for the armed forces) ex officio; representing employers: Messrs Tsung-yuan Yung, Lawrence Kadoorie, C. F. Wood, Paul Lau Fong; representing labour: Messrs Au Yuen-kei, Hilary Li Hoi, Fung Hoi-chiu, Wong Yiu-kam, and a Labour Officer (secretary) ex officio.

Company Dissolved

The name of the Industrial and Commercial Trading Co., Ltd. has been struck off the register and the company dissolved. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

Medical Council

Dr. G. Graham-Cumming has resumed his appointment as a member of the Medical Council of Hongkong, and Dr. G. V. A. Griffith has ceased to be a member. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

Naturalisation

The Government Gazette announced this morning that a certificate of naturalisation has been granted to Mr. Dumas Duha Es-sone, supervisor, of 518 Nathan Road, 1st floor.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO PROCURE MISCARRIAGE

A mother and daughter were arraigned before Mr. Justice A.D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a charge of using an instrument to procure a miscarriage on a dance hostess.

Keung Chi-cheung, 54, and her 34-year-old daughter, Ho Sau-mei, were alleged to have committed the offence in a rear cubicle of No. 2 Russell Street, first floor.

A jury of five men and two women was empanelled.
Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector T. Chalmers. Mr. H. L. Hu is defending both accused, instructed by Mr. W. I. Cheung, of P. H. Sin and Co.

Giving the outline of the Crown's case, Mr. Blair-Kerr said the abortion actually started on October 27 and continued the following day.
The dance hostess on whom the miscarriage was alleged to have been performed, Lam Ching 24, and another dance hostess, Ting Shing-man, would give evidence on the events leading up to the incident.
"Still Doing It"

Mr. Blair-Kerr said Ting would give evidence that on October 24, she spoke to the first accused and asked her, "Are you still doing it?" Keung is alleged to have replied with words to this effect, "How am I going to eat if I stop doing so?"
Crown Counsel stated that Lam Ching would say her husband had left her, and in the circumstances she decided to get rid of the child she was bearing.

Lam and Ting together went to the rear cubicle of the accused. Lam asked the first accused how much the operation would cost, and Keung said \$200.
It was agreed that Lam should return on October 27. On that day, Mr. Blair-Kerr continued, she went there and put \$170 on a table in the cubicle. The second accused picked up the money.

Crown Counsel described briefly some treatment given by Keung to Lam. Second accused assisted her mother in holding an electric torch.
On the 28th, the Police raided the cubicle. Evidence would be given that as the door was broken down, Keung was seen to throw something out of the window.

Instruments

Evidence of an operation was found in a bucket. A number of medical instruments were seized. Lam Ching was lying down in the cubicle at the time.
Mr. Blair-Kerr said that later the same day, the dance hostess gave birth to a dead child whose head was missing.
Hearing is proceeding.

Snowstorm Sweeps Texas

Chicago, Jan. 23.
A new snowstorm swept the Texas Big Bend country today, blocking highways and marooning travellers.
The storm piled up snow 11 inches deep in the State's southern corner. Torrential rains laced with hail hit elsewhere in south Texas, sending streams over their banks.
It was the second major winter onslaught in the country's mid-section within a week, following a near-blizzard which paralysed the mid-west and left 65 persons dead.

MIGHT SPREAD

Weather forecasters said the low storm, centred in the western Gulf of Mexico late Thursday, might spread rain or snow across much of the country's eastern and south central areas during the next 24 hours. It appeared headed for the Ohio Valley, the weathermen said.
Thunderstorms rumbled along the Texas Gulf coast. Corpus Christi got two inches of rain and a quarter-inch hailstorm. Heavier rains pounded areas southwest of the city, flooding low-lying streets and highways. The Pacific northwest, also sampled stormy weather. Heavy rains pushed along the Washington coast, driven by 40-mph hour winds.—United Press.

ASP Relinquishes Appointment

Mr. Hui Sai-fun has relinquished his appointment as an Assistant Superintendent of Police (Special) with effect from January 24.
The relinquishment was approved by H.E. the Governor, according to the Government Gazette today.

Legislative Council

Dr. D. M. Mackenzie has been appointed an Official Member of the Legislative Council vice Dr. G. Graham-Cumming, the Government Gazette notified today.

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